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# PUC APPROVES LONG-TERM NUMBER PORTABILITY SOLUTION

May 29, 1996

DENVER -- The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today approved a long-term technical plan that will allow telephone customers to retain their same number when changing local service providers.

The PUC accepted a task force recommendation to use the Location Routing Number (LRN) architecture as the long-term solution for local number portability in Colorado. LRN is a technical database of all ported telephone numbers that routes calls to the appropriate local telephone company.

Ensuring number portability is a key step in implementing local telephone competition, which begins July 1 in Colorado. It will take about a year to implement the long-term, database solution, PUC Engineer Bruce Armstrong said. In the interim, telephone companies will use call forwarding to provide local number portability.

Bids will be sought to select an independent third-party administrator to implement the long-term solution.

Under the plan, companies that port numbers or intend to port numbers within a year will create a limited liability corporation (LLC). The LLC will oversee a Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) and its associated Service Management System (SMS).

The LLC is expected to issue a request for proposal for the NPAC/SMS around June 1, with bids due on July 1. A vendor would be selected by Aug. 1, with implementation of the system by June 1, 1997.

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(Decision No. C96-568)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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THE JOINT APPLICATION OF THE )  
LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY TASK )  
FORCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF )  
LOCATION ROUTING NUMBER AS A )  
LONG TERM DATABASE SOLUTION. )

DOCKET NO. 96A-196T

ORDER APPROVING LOCATION ROUTING NUMBER AS THE LONG  
TERM DATABASE SOLUTION TO LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY

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AT&T Corp. Legal - Denver

Mailed Date: May 31, 1996  
Adopted Date: May 29, 1996

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I. BY THE COMMISSION:

A. Statement

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1. This matter is before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for consideration of the joint application to adopt Location Routing Number ("LRN") as the long term database solution for local number portability in the State of Colorado.

2. The joint applicants are AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., the Colorado Independent Telephone Association, MCI Telecommunications Corporation, TCI Communications, Inc., Teleport Communications Group, U S WEST Communications, Inc., the 911 Task Force, and the Office of Consumer Counsel as members (the "Members") of the Local Number Portability Task Force (the "Task Force"). The Members of the Task Force filed this application in response to Decision No. C96-391 issued in Docket No. 95M-392T.

3. Now being duly advised in the premises, the Commission will grant the application.

#### **B. Findings and Conclusions**

1. In Decision No. C96-391, the Commission reviewed a report (the "Report") prepared by the Task Force. The Report provides all of the supporting information necessary for the Commission to understand LRN and why the Task Force believes the Commission should adopt it as Colorado's permanent database solution for local number portability.<sup>1</sup> The Commission takes administrative notice of this report in this docket. The members of the Task Force unanimously support LRN.

2. The Commission finds that LRN is the most appropriate long term database solution for local number portability in Colorado based on the arguments set forth in the Report.

#### **II. ORDER**

##### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. Location Routing Number shall be adopted as the long term database solution for local number portability in Colorado. As such, we grant the joint application.

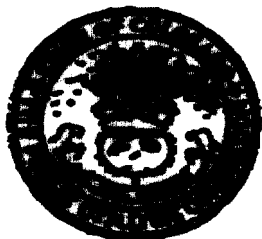
2. The 20-day time period provided for by § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S., to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration begins on the first day after the mailing or serving of this Order.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission did not adopt LRN in Decision No. C96-391 because Docket No. 95X-3923 did not contemplate the adoption of a proposal but rather only contemplated the receipt of a report recommending a specific database solution.

3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.
- B. ADOPTED IN OPEN MEETING May 29, 1996.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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